

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2010 VOLUNTEER PRINCE WILLIAM, VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of 2010 Volunteer Prince William, Volunteer Appreciation Awards.

Every year since 1981, Volunteer Prince William and the Volunteer Coordinators Network host a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. The organizations gather and celebrate the accomplishments of hundreds of Prince William volunteers. These citizens of all ages and abilities work in agencies throughout the community to help citizens in need; feeding the hungry, building houses, keeping seniors safe in their homes, tutoring children, protecting our resources, sharing our history, responding to disasters or simply being a good neighbor.

It is my pleasure to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the recipients of the 2010 Volunteer Prince William, Volunteer Appreciation Awards.

31st District Court Service Unit: Pamela Millett, Charles Trepel, Sharon Stefl, Lindsey Washington, Christopher Taylor, Kalisha Spence, and Kiara Ayenson.

Action in Community Through Service: Dave Forcier, Elsa Lewis, William Parker, Mocha Moms, Lee McCormack, Latonya Thomas, Alexis Thompson, Shakira McEachren, Jalishka McEachern, Martha Hendley, Beth Madden, Jason Burgess, and Mary Manning.

Citizen Corps Council: Howard Horner, Matt Dixon, Jacob Koch, Jonathan Leonhard, Debra Bobbitt, Pastor Heath Butler, Tom Wheeler, Katherine Wheeler, Camille Apicella, Miquela Apicella, Joe Hall, Shane Hall, Lori Hall, Griffiin Peters, Beth Peters, Vivian Rivero, Kayla Hernandez, Karina Hernandez, Jamie Shalvey, Danielle Johnson, Dorothy Hill, Peggy Ho, Christian Reotuter, Melissa Murden, Brian Shaw, Tyler Bezek, Zachary Bezek, James Harbour, John Harbour, George Killian, Paul Neiderer, Sam Neiderer, Conor Sanderson, Gregory Stoffa, Caleb Voelker, Forest Voelker, Spencer Voelker, Bill Bezek, Mark Harbour, David Neiderer, Albert Stoffa, Danielle Voelker, Jordan Tibbs, Jonathan Tibbs, Devante Thomas, Joan Beaner, Dan Bergin, Silvana Ellis, Dave Ellis, and Alexis Thomas.

Habitat for Humanity: Mark Luiggi, Lynn Ashe, Steve Fedos, Betty Reichert, Jasmin McDonald, George Braun, Frank Jacquette, David Dallas, Marci Swanson, Irene DuBois, Marlena Kauer, Al Harris, Sheila Lueking, Lynn Eklund, Mayumi Ferrin, Christina Arlen, Jessica Baker, Jody Miller, Bob Gainer, Sarah Awwad, Shawn Byers, Joseph Bolos, Donita Ruehs, Jarvis Jones, Patricia McKenzie, Kelli Akremi, David McKissick, Josue Garcia, Iain Shaw, and Kelly Atkinson.

Manassas Park Police Department: Tricia Sutherland and Heather Gustin.

Prince William County Historic Preservation Division Volunteers: Morgan Breeden, Mary Kay Breeden, Daniel Breeden, Vanessa Bulk, Gladys Eanes, David Eanes, Charles Elder, Kenneth Garlem, Kyle Lee, Howard Margolies, Pat Margolies, Tony Meadows, Georgia Mead-

ows, Suzanne Obetz, Roger Pelletier, Angela Pelletier, Pamela Sackett, Bill Scott, Barbara Ziman, Kareen Attreed, Brenda Caricofe, Nerine Clemenzi, Sandra Dawson, Kathryn Fullerton, Leslie Harris, Kelly Hunsaker, Chris LeGrand, Sandy Melson, Gay Misso, Janice Overman, John Overman, Joanne Porreco, Patsy Smith, Winnie Tierney, Linda Weeks, Pat Wink, Mary Anne Burgess, Maria Burgess, Rose Ann Carlsen, Sharon Dougherty, Florence Gish, Linda Lasko, Michaeleen McGettigan, Nellie Elaine Armstrong, Elizabeth Cardinal, Norma Newbold, Nikki Ott, Lucille Selfridge, Wanda Simpson, Linda Stauffer, Carolyn Werle, Jill Wiest, Don Wiest, Diana Turner, Patrice Malley, Avery Born, Dave Born, Sue Born, James Craft, Joanne Craft, Gisela Glodeck, Phyllis Ingram, Phil Maddox, Kyle Maddox, Matt Maddox, and Bonnie Swank.

Juvenile Detention Center: Substance Abuse Prevention, Virginia Hills Youth Ministries, Ebenezer Baptist Youth Ministries, First Mt. Zion Youth Services, Friends of Juvenile Detention Center Youth Ministries, Girls Circle, Greenhouse Gardening with Youth Master Gardner, Heritage Fellowship Youth Ministries, Life Skills Instructor, Reconciliation Community Church, St. Francis Youth Ministries, Youth Ministries from St. Francis Middle School, St. Paul's Youth Ministries, Success Oriented Students-Court Smart, Star of Bethlehem Youth Ministries, Tri-County Ministries, Youth Outreach Services-Youth Services, and St. Mark's Lutheran Friendship House.

Prince William County Police Department: Bill Graham, Barbara Merer-Brice, Rick Mensch, Lee Ann Smith, Vicky Smith, Karen Wilkens, Chaplain J. Douglas Duty, Jr., Ed Roman, Dave Whitman, and Patricia Whitman.

Prince William County Sheriff's Office: Mike Fradette, Paula Adams, Nikki Adams, Ritchie Dennison, Tom Muddiman, Bryan Kelly, Jim Lippold, Jack Fulmore, E. Phillips Grier, Burnadeane Day, Betty Ann Blanton, Sharon Livingston, Sandy Sindlinger, Debbie Stryker, and Jamie Esquerra.

Project Mend-A-House: Dean Quick, Scott Sells, Linda Pulley, Jeff Hintosh, Howard Horner, Raymond Stuckey, Laurie Zeisler, Brian Henkel, Robin Bales, Joe Swetnam, Walt Koscinski, Marti Hale, and Myrna Andres.

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program: Penny Spatzler, Ellen Newdorf, Linda Pulley, Dave Forcier, Bob Finch, Ed Roman, Mitzi Roman, Kim Roman, Janelle Bryant, Ronda Davis, Jayne Frelin, Anna Griffin, Leticia Click, Pete Click, JoAnn Barron, Cindy Zelinski, and Cara Sundholm.

SERVE—A Program of Northern Virginia Family Services: Mickey Heyward, Ginny Heyward, Amy Sue Huheey, Rob Huheey, Justine Huheey, John Durkin, Maggie Hart, Anna Hooker, Esther Caesar, Marilyn Ruland, Leigh Anderson, Sue Johnston, Rana Chehreh, Tom Bohacek, Steve Fritter, Ralph Lickey, Jane Lickey, Pat Margolies, Howard Margolies, Don Shaw, Mona Shaw, Paul Perdue, and Rachel Hall.

Volunteer Prince William: Connie Beck.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the recipients of the 2010 Volunteer Prince William, Volunteer Appreciation Awards. A vibrant and robust culture of volunteerism is the backbone of a healthy community. I extend my appreciation to the dedicated individuals who selflessly contribute their time to alleviating the plight of others.

RECOGNIZING BEN ARREDONDO, RETIRING MEMBER OF THE TEMPE CITY COUNCIL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ben Arredondo and his 16 years of service as a member of the Tempe City Council. I wish to thank him for his dedication to public service and look forward to seeing his future accomplishments within our community.

Councilmember Arredondo's contribution to Tempe has been both earnest and extensive. His years of teaching and service on school boards and the City Council have revealed him to be a fierce champion for improvement of education and commitment to our youth and to the community. As a former teacher and Mayor of Tempe, I respect and share Ben's commitment to public service and education, and wish to thank him for his tireless efforts and leadership.

Though Ben will be retiring from the Tempe City Council, his service to his community will surely continue in other capacities. Also, his family's legacy of service to Tempe will continue through his niece, Robin Arredondo-Savage, who was recently elected to the City Council. I am honored to call Ben a friend, and I wish him all the best in his next endeavor.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Ben Arredondo's 16 years of outstanding service as a member of the Tempe City Council.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5136) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Chair. I rise in support of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. As a member of both the Foreign Affairs and Homeland Security Committees, I support Chairman IKE SKELTON and the Democratic leadership's investment in our military to increase our national security. I support our men and women in the armed forces and our need to ensure our national security.

This defense bill reflects our commitment to support the men and women who fight to secure not only our citizen's freedom, but the freedom of others. This bill will provide the necessary resources to protect the American people and our national interests at home and abroad. The Armed Services committee has provided for military readiness; taking care of our troops and their families; increasing focus on the war in Afghanistan; and improving

interagency cooperation, oversight, and accountability in this year's defense authorization bill.

I thank the Chair for this opportunity to explain the amendments I propose to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. My first amendment would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a report, not later than December 1, 2010 to the Congressional Black Caucus, that includes a list of minority-owned, women-owned, and disadvantaged small businesses, who receive contracts resulting from authorized funding to the Department of Defense. The list shall cover the 10 calendar years preceding this Act and shall include for each listed business, the name of the business, the business owner and the amount of the contract award.

Mr. Chair, I have long supported efforts to increase opportunities for small businesses, especially those that are minority-owned, women-owned and disadvantaged. We know that small businesses are the engine to our economy and that they provide much needed support for communities across the country. Small businesses employ 57.4 million Americans. Many Americans seek to fulfill the American dream by becoming small business owners and everyone in the United States should be given the same opportunity to fulfill that dream.

Women and minorities have long been disadvantaged when it comes to getting business opportunities and it is important to provide educational resources that will enable women, minorities and other disadvantaged business owners to arm themselves with the necessary tools they need to operate viable and thriving businesses. This will only improve communities throughout the United States.

My second amendment would make available post-traumatic stress counseling for civilians affected by the Fort Hood shooting, and shootings at other domestic military bases.

Many of those who passed in the November shooting were at Fort Hood preparing to risk their lives for our country. I would like to express my deepest sympathies for the loss of these 13 soldiers. My thoughts and prayers go out to their families during their time of bereavement. It is unacceptable that soldiers should fear attacks on American soil. I want the military and their families to always be protected as they are the backbone of American society. It is not only our soldiers who make sacrifices to protect our great nation, but their families and civilians as well. I am deeply saddened and troubled by the shootings at Fort Hood, especially because soldiers and their families from my own district are there.

I want to commend the soldiers at Fort Hood for their valiant and selfless acts of bravery. Soldiers rushed to treat their injured colleagues by ripping their uniforms into makeshift bandages. The top commander at Fort Hood is crediting a civilian police officer, Sgt. Kimberly Munley, for stopping the shooting. Fort Hood police Sgt. Kimberly Munley and her partner responded within three minutes of reported gunfire, and Munley shot the gunman four times despite being shot herself.

Another story of heroism is that of 19 year old Amber Bahr. The nutritionist put a tourniquet on a wounded soldier and carried him out to medical care. And only after she had taken care of others did she realize she had been shot. Both women heroically intervened despite being shot.

Incidents like this bring light to the types of issues our military service men and women face on a daily basis. When I visited Fort Hood, and spoke with the victims of the shooting, I was reminded that we can not ignore the side effects of military service, and we must ensure that both the physical and mental health of those who serve our country is carefully attended.

Although the shootings all took place on one day, they will leave a legacy on each soldier, contractor, and civilian on the base. Many base personnel, like Sergeant Munley and Ms. Bahr witnessed events as horrific as those on any battlefield. Similar to returning from the battlefield, soldiers and contractors who were at Fort Hood must go through a painful rehabilitation process to come to terms with the events they witnessed and experienced.

There have been numerous reports of Enlisted Personnel, National Guards, Reservists and Veterans suffering from PTSD-like symptoms for well over 100 years. Some examples are veterans of U.S. Civil War who suffered emotional problems and were said to be afflicted with "soldier's heart" or "Da Costa's Syndrome", veterans of World War I was diagnosed as "shell shocked", veterans of World War II were classified with "battle fatigue" or "combat fatigue". Other terms used to describe military-related mood disturbances include "nostalgia", "not yet diagnosed nervousness", "irritable heart", "effort syndrome", "war neurosis" and "operational exhaustion". War veterans are the most publicly-recognized victims of PTSD; long-term psychiatric illness was formally observed in World War I and the syndrome entered public consciousness after the Vietnam War.

Enlisted Personnel, National Guards, Reservists and Veterans with PTSD have lived through traumatic events that caused them to fear for their lives, bear witness to horrible things, and feel helpless and hopeless. PTSD symptoms usually start soon after the traumatic event, but they may not manifest until months or years later. If provided proper medical care, about half, 40 percent to 60 percent, of people who develop PTSD get better at some time.

Although veterans who served in combat are most frequently afflicted by PTSD, events such as the Fort Hood shooting highlight the physical and psychological dangers facing military personnel in all roles. Consequently, it is extremely vital to extend to our civilian personnel the same benefits and support that we give to our active duty military. Civilians and military members on Fort Hood have equal responsibility to protect our nation and, as such, it is morally imperative that we honor these civilians by providing them with equal support in the aftermath of such traumatic incidents.

I have worked with my colleagues to secure \$1 million in Federal funding in the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations Bill for Riverside General Hospital in Houston, Texas. Riverside General Hospital was founded due to the heroic efforts of veterans in the First World War. Riverside General Hospital, formerly the Houston Negro Hospital was erected in 1926 in memory of Lieutenant John Halm Cullinan, 344th FA, and 90th Division AEP. Today, Riverside General Hospital is the only private African-American-owned hospital in the state of Texas that is contracted to provide inpatient psychiatric and inpatient detoxification services to TRICARE Beneficiaries. These funds will

provide trained experienced physicians, nurses, therapists and other healthcare professionals the necessary services to treat post traumatic stress disorders for enlisted personnel, National Guards, Reservists and veterans discharged and/or on leave of duty. In addition, Riverside will provide psychiatric, medical emergency medical inpatient, and outpatient services.

It is time to end this distinct method of discrimination and we should not rest until this message is clear. Every American has the right to stand among their peers to undertake the noble task of defending this great nation. The U.S. military loses patriotic and talented men and women every day due to the discriminatory "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy. Since 1993, DADT has forced over 13,000 qualified and patriotic men and women to leave the service. It has made many thousands more decide not to re-enlist. There is empirical data existing in the Armed Services of our allies as we stand with them in Iraq and Afghanistan. The militaries of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Israel and the Netherlands are clear examples that, in spite of concerns before the change, it became a nonissue once gays and lesbians were allowed to serve. Now we must do right by all of our American warriors and move forward together on repealing DADT.

In 1965 as the commencement speaker at Howard University, President Johnson stated, "We seek not just equality as a right and a theory but equality as a fact and equality as a result." Do we deny the freedom of an openly gay man or woman who serves in our military? The "Don't Tell, Don't Ask," policy violates both openly gay men and women constitutional rights to privacy and their right to be treated equally with heterosexuals. I support the "Don't Tell, Don't Ask Repeal," policy.

We must maintain our efforts to restore military readiness in order to meet current military challenges and prepare for the future, and civilians area a major part of the military readiness equation. Importantly, this defense bill:

Establishes a \$500 million DOD Rapid Innovation Program to help DOD quickly transition innovative, life-saving equipment from small businesses and other innovative firms into the hands of our men and women in combat.

Authorizes \$2.6 billion for Homeland Defense and counter proliferation activities, including \$1 billion for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and \$1.6 billion for the Chemical Biological Defense Program.

Fully funds the \$20 million budget request for two cyber security new start programs.

Expands "1206 funding" authority to build the capacity of foreign military forces to participate in military and stability operations to support efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, including \$75 million to build the capacity of counterterrorism forces of the Yemeni Ministry of the Interior.

Extends DOD's Pakistan Counterinsurgency Fund through FY11.

Provides \$200 million to address urgent force protection needs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Authorizes \$9.7 billion for unclassified National Security Space programs, including \$40 million for additional ORS satellites to meet commanders' urgent needs.

Provides a 1.9 percent pay raise to troops.

Expands TRICARE health coverage to include adult dependent children up to age 26.

Increases family separation allowance for troops who are deployed away from their families.

Increases hostile fire and imminent danger pay for the first time since 2004.

Expands college loan repayment benefits.

Includes the most comprehensive legislative package to ever address sexual assault in the military, including 28 provisions to implement into law many of the recommendations of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault.

Establishes a pilot program to offer an alternative career path to military officers, providing a broader range of experiences over a longer career.

Establishes a pilot program to help military spouses take advantage of their personal skill sets to identify and obtain desirable and portable careers.

Authorizes an additional special one-time payment to seriously wounded servicemembers to pay for the relocation costs of their caregivers;

Provides \$1.2 billion with broad authorities for projects in Afghanistan to allow our commanders on the ground to immediately respond to military construction needs in theater.

In closing, I hope my colleagues will join me in support of H.R. 5136. I believe we are all on one accord that without reservation we support our men and women of the United States military. I support this bill and I ask my colleagues to support my proposed amendments and H.R. 5136.

HONORING THE NANTAHALA SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM OF MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the basketball team of the Nantahala School in Macon County, North Carolina. The team had an exceptional season, finishing with a record of 23–7 and an appearance in the regional semi-final game.

Their season would be considered impressive for a team from any school, but this team comes from remarkable circumstances. There are only 36 students in the school, 18 of which are men. Over half the eligible students play on the basketball team. From one of the smallest schools in the State of North Carolina, this group of young men was able to hold their own against teams from much larger schools.

Making their success less probable, the school graduated some excellent basketball players last year, retiring three jerseys. The class of 2009 accounted for over 3,000 career points. Fortunately, this year's seniors—Jordan West, Wesley Holden, Josh Griffith, Jerrod Crosby, and Woody Passmore—were equally impressive in fulfilling their leadership roles.

The team's final game against Hendersonville High School in the regional semifinals was a testament to their perseverance. Trailing at one point by 16 points, it seemed the odds were against them. Still, the team played with everything they had. With 43 seconds remaining, Jordan West gave Nantahala the

lead. Hendersonville managed to pull back ahead, but Nantahala fell only three points short of playing in the regional finals for a spot in the North Carolina State championship game.

Some of the team achieved special recognition for their outstanding seasons. Wesley Holden averaged 13 points per game and was selected to play in the Blue-White all-star game. Josh Griffith, averaging 18 points per game, was selected to play in the Blue-White all-star game and the regional all-tournament team. Coach Josh Taylor and Assistant Coach Tom Dillard have created a strong program, and I doubt this is the last we have heard from this small school in the mountains.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the impressive Nantahala School basketball team for their accomplishments and wishing them continued success in future years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 19, 2010 and Monday, May 24, 2010 through Friday, May 28, 2010 I was unable to be in Washington, DC due to a family emergency and thus missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Nos. 276, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 320, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 333, 335 and "nay" on Nos. 277, 306, 307, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 332, 334, 336.

RECOGNIZING THE "STAR OF LIFE" AWARD RECIPIENT FRANCISCO "CISCO" PRECIADO

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Francisco "Cisco" Preciado, to whom the "Star of Life" medal, a national award which recognizes the country's most outstanding Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians, was re-presented.

Previously a member of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coastguard, Mr. Preciado started his career as a paramedic in 2005. His efforts established him as a dependable worker who was one of the best and brightest in his field. In 2009, his hard work under Southwest Ambulance was recognized in the form of the prestigious "Star of Life" medal. Preciado gave away his medal earlier this year, in a touching tribute to a friend and co-worker—EMT Mark Vernick—who was killed in a motorcycle collision. In what he thought was a private tribute, Preciado placed his medal in Vernick's casket.

I extended this honor again not only to commend his performance as a paramedic, but to pay tribute to the quality of his character. Mr. Preciado unselfishly placed his original medal inside the casket of his friend and co-worker,

Mark Vernick. This action speaks to the strength of his integrity. It is for this reason that I offered Mr. Preciado a replacement "Star of Life" medal.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the presentation of the "Star of Life" medal to Mr. Francisco Preciado.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF INNOVATOR AND PHILANTHROPIST JOHN SOTO

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a self-made man and former New England Businessman of the Year, and one who has given of himself time and again to improve our Connecticut community—John Soto.

After a boyhood in Puerto Rico and some apprenticeship in the business and mechanical arts as a machinist in Manhattan, John founded Space-Craft Manufacturing, Inc. in Milford, Connecticut in 1970. Starting with just four employees, Space-Craft has, thanks to John's eye for innovation and business savvy, grown to become an industry leader in aircraft engine and airframe components over the past four decades, even earning the National Supplier of the Year award from the U.S. Air Force in 2001.

These entrepreneurial and engineering accomplishments have been matched by John's passion for community service and a strong commitment to public investment. So that others may follow in his footsteps, John has founded several scholarships for Latino students and been a continual presence in Connecticut inner-city schools. He has also contributed generously to Youth at Risk, Junior Achievement, New Haven's Latino Youth Development Program, and other very worthwhile organizations aimed at helping Connecticut's underprivileged and least fortunate.

In both his company's success and his dedication to public service, John has been an embodiment of the American dream. From modest beginnings, he has contributed mightily to his community, his state, and to the United States military. I congratulate him and his wife Gladys on this long career of personal success and public service, and I know that they will continue to be a credit to our district for years to come.

HONORING CRAIG BIEGEL

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mrs. McCarthy of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Craig Biegel, the Award of Merit Winner for the 4th Congressional District's high school art competition, "An Artistic Discovery." An Artistic Discovery recognizes and encourages the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each congressional district. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their